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                          ENCODED VIDEO SIGNALS**  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend  
the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.